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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This information is being submitted subsequent to the later of three months after the filing date of the present application or the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final Action or the Notice of Allowance.

Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$240 is enclosed to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

The enclosed references were cited in a Japanese application corresponding to the present application.

Japanese reference 5-185575 corresponds to European application 520 332 and discloses a method for producing a reusable lithographic printing form and a method for removing liquid toner particles from the form.

The present invention defines a specific method for imaging and erasing an erasable printing form which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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